

# Maryland Exhibitor Wins National Jersey Jug Futurity

LOUISVILLE, KY — The crowd seated in the coliseum at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center hushed as the lights dimmed. This was the 1986 National Jersey Jug Futurity competition, part of the largest single breed dairy show in the world, and a respected pageant among Jersey breeders.

The spotlight found the eight-member Marine color guard as they stepped crisply to their places in the showing at the North American International Livestock Exposition. The light then focused at center ring where wood chips had been carefully laid out in the shape of an old-fashioned milk jug.

Three young ladies in long gowns were escorted beneath the drawn sabers. Then, one by one, 52 Jersey cows were introduced and led through the spotlight.

Contestants in the Jersey Jug are nominated as calves. Breeders pay a small nominating fee to enter the competition. Each year, calves must be renominated, and another fee paid. Animals are exhibited as four year olds. Money collected from entrants becomes premium money.

"It's a tremendous challenge to your ability to guess which calves

will be the best cows," explained Steve White, a breeder from New Castle, IN.

What makes the Jersey Jug so special? "The special thing about the Jersey Jug is that for most of these people, dairy cattle is their livelihood," explained Larry Kempton, information director for the All American Jersey Cattle Club. "Jersey people love to show! They do it because they love it and they love the animals."

Larry Schurm, judge for this year's competition, said cows are judged on skeletal structure, symmetry, dairy characteristics, teat placement, legs and feet and the primary muscle in the udder.

Kempton said the fact that a cow wins means she is a good cow. "There is a reason why a cow wins a class. She's a good sound cow that gives a lot of milk . . . the kind of cow we're all striving for."

Jack Kahler, Keymar, MD, had that kind of cow. Kahler's cow, Gaywinds Saint Crissy, helped Kahler win \$1,287 of the \$9,130 in premium money.

"It's a great honor," said Kahler. His mother Carol said winning the Jersey Jug was something they had always dreamed of doing.

Gary Bowers, Quebec, Canada, took reserve champion with his cow Gusto Milestone Sabrinette. Bowers said he expected his cow to place in the top ten because she was well-balanced and walked well.

"Winning the National Jersey Jug Futurity shows the winner is a good dairyman," said Kempton. "It takes special care to make a good calf mature into a good cow."

## New York Team Wins NAILE 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl

LOUISVILLE, KY — An all-star team from New York state defeated a team from Ohio in the finals of the 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl competition on Nov. 8, at the 13th annual North American International Livestock Exposition. The double-elimination tournament, now in its seventh year at the NAILE, began at 8 a.m. in the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center's West Hall and continued until the winning team was crowned.

Twenty-one teams competed in the double-elimination tournament, designed to test teams' knowledge of dairy farming and prepare them for careers in the

industry. Teams, each representing a different state, attempted to answer questions that dealt mainly with dairy production, including management, reproduction, genetics, feeding and even judging and showing dairy cattle.

The winning team from New York was composed of the four highest rated students from New York state's 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Championship. Team members

Joy Tuthill, Travis Finn, Tim Ooms and Robin Denniston have been preparing for Quiz Bowl competition at the NAILE since April. Their coach, Judy Tuthill said, "Two of our team members are from Oneida County, New York, while the other two are from Columbia County. Because they live so far away from each other, they weren't able to practice together very often. For the most part, our team members had to practice by themselves."

## Farm Toy Show To Open

HARRISBURG — A farm toy show, sale and auction will open

this year's Pennsylvania Farm Equipment Dealers annual Management Conference and Trade Show in Lancaster.

The show and sale will be held at the Americana Host Farm Resort Hotel, Route 30 East, Lancaster, on Nov. 15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Toy consignments can be made by anyone wanting to sell farm toys after 3 p.m.

The auction will begin at 5 p.m. with Wally Hooker from Francesville, Ind., the most knowledgeable farm toy auctioneer in the country, conducting the sale. Numerous equipment and toy dealers will exhibit their merchandise.

Some of the scarce farm toys of the 40s and 50s will be offered for sale.

Other toys, including all but one John Deere pedal tractor made, will be exhibited by Ed Andrus of Lebanon. Early Oliver toys will also be displayed.

The Farm Equipment Dealers management sessions begin Nov. 16. The conference will end Nov. 18 with an annual banquet and entertainment by Dale Evans.

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